

Senate Bill 410

By: Senators Tate of the 38th, Brown of the 26th, Stoner of the 6th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Jones of the 10th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to create a joint committee of the General Assembly to be known as the Joint Committee to Study the State Health Care Benefit Plan; to provide for membership; to provide for quarterly meetings; to provide for a series of public meetings across the state; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"45-18-20.

(a) There is created as a joint committee of the General Assembly the Joint Committee to Study the State Health Care Benefit Plan. The members shall be named by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Governor, the Georgia Association of Educators, the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders, the Georgia Retired Educators Association, the Georgia School Board Association, the Georgia School Superintendents Association, and the Professional Association of Georgia Educators. The members of the committee shall be appointed no later than May 1, 2006.

(b) The committee shall meet quarterly through 2006 and issue a final report no later than December 31, 2006, with findings and recommendations to be acted upon during the 2007 session of the General Assembly.

(c) The committee shall hold a series of public meetings across the state to hear from citizens, providers, and others on their views of the status of the current plan and their suggestions for plan improvements with regard to access, quality of service, and plan costs.

1 (d) The committee shall stand abolished and this Code section shall be automatically
2 repealed on December 31, 2006."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
5 without such approval.

6 **SECTION 3.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.